

Split Twig Figurines

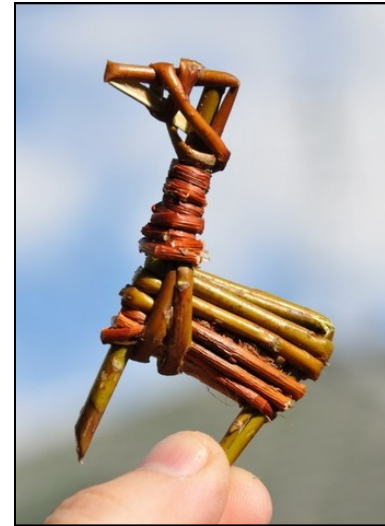
Split twig figurines are associated with the Late Archaic hunting and gathering culture. Some of these date from 2,000 to 4,000 years ago. Archaeologists have found them in caves in both the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau. They are made of pliable twigs like willows and are bent into a deer-like shape.

Their function is still unknown, we can only guess what they were used for.

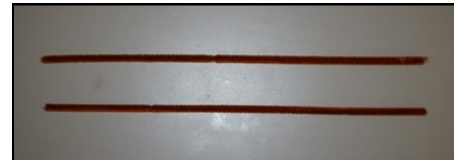


Split twig figurine found at Grand Canyon National Park. It dates to ca. 2000 BC.

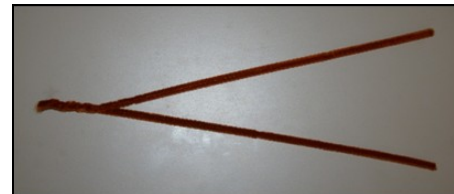
How to make your own pipe cleaner Split Twig Figurine



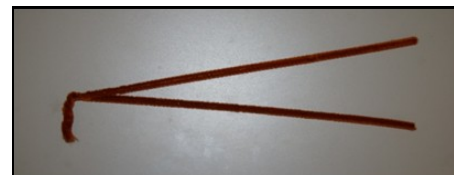
Split twig creation by R. Quist



1— Use two pipe cleaners

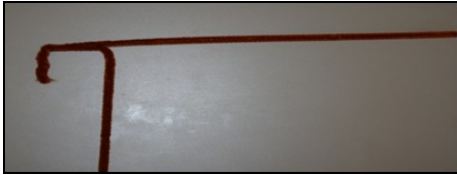


2—twist them together a few
twists



3—bend the twisted part over
to create the hind leg

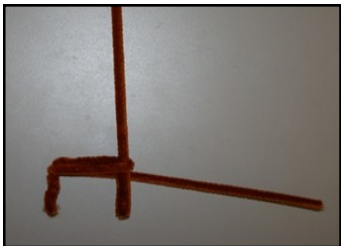
How to—continued



4—bend one pipe cleaner down creating the underbelly and front leg



5—bend the same pipe cleaner back up, creating the front leg



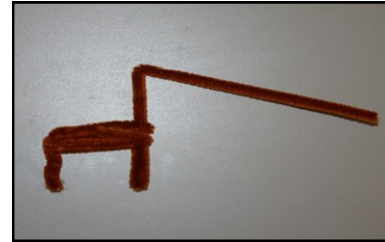
6—Wrap the pipe cleaner from the body around the back legs, then back to the front, forming a thicker body



7—Wrap the same piece around the body one more time

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How to—end



8—Bend the last pipe cleaner end down to make the top of the head



9—Bend the same piece again to make the snout



10—Twist the rest of the head piece around the neck



11—Keep twisting the piece down around the lower front leg.